

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated October 5, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

The Examiner objects to claims 11, 12, 28, and 29 for grammatical errors. Applicants amend claims 4, 8, 10-12, 21, 25, and 27-29 to correct these grammatical errors and overcome the objection. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Applicants amend claims 1 and 18 to more clearly recite those features of the invention that were inherent in the original claims.

Applicants also amend claim 31 to correct a typographical error in the claim dependency.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 7, 16, 18-20, 24, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,175,394 to Wu et al. Claims 4 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,753,836 to Kwon. Claims 5-7, 22-24, and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu. Claims 13 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0057392 to Ha. Claims 15 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,550 to Kim. Claims 17 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-10, 12, 14, and 25-27 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants do not rewrite these claims in independent form at this time but reserve the right to do so later in the prosecution of this application.

The rejection of independent claims 1 and 18 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1 and 18 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a static electricity prevention circuit having a thin film transistor with a floating gate for connecting at least one of said pads with an equipotential line in the presence of static electricity, wherein the equipotential line is disposed at the outer portion from the signal pad part", as recited in both claim 1 and claim 18.

None of the cited references including Wu, Kwon, Ha, and Kim, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. The structure of claims 1 and 18 of the present invention is different from the Wu structure in that Wu discloses

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Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and discussion place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

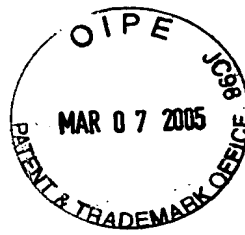
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